

REMARKS

Applicant advises that the original claims were numbered 1 and 3-8 (i.e. claim 2 was not presented). The Examiner renumbered claims 9-19 as claims 8-18 and treated the original claims as being claims 1-7 as set forth in the office action dated April 22, 2004, however, it was not clear that Applicant was to amend the claim numbering and in subsequent office actions, the claims were simply referred to by the Examiner as claims 8-18 rather than claims 9-19 and claim 2 was indicated as being "not presented" by Applicant.

In the present amendment, the pending claims having been renumbered as claims 8-18, dependencies have been corrected, and the new claims have been renumbered so that they may be properly entered. Since the new claims have not yet been entered, no 'changes' have actually been made (with respect to what was filed on May 29, 2007) but rather the proper claim numbering used for future reference.

Original claims 1 and 3-8 are now identified as being claims 1-7 and the appropriate identifier "cancelled" has been included as seen above.

It is believed that the confusion surrounding the claim numbering for the present application has been clarified and, as such, the response filed May 29, 2007, with the revised claims section submitted herewith, is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121.

Applicant respectfully requests early reconsideration and allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,



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